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The Honorable Lee Terry
Chairman
Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on
Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Ranking Member
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July 10, 2014

Dear Chairman Terry and Ranking Member Schakowsky:

On behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), I write in support of H.R. ____, the Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act of 2014, and urge the Subcommittee to pass this legislation.

It is critical that legislation that seeks to reign in abuses by patent trolls does so in a way that preserves and enhances the incentives necessary to sustain our nation's global leadership in biotechnology innovation and to spur the creation of high-wage, high-value jobs throughout the country. Improving our patent system can help America retain its global competitive advantage in biotechnology and other innovative industries, and will spur more investment and job creation at a time when both are sorely needed. We commend Chairman Terry and Members of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade for creating a balanced approach that will address the issue of false or deceptive patent demand letters without impeding the ability of legitimate patent owners to enforce their patents by sending patent-related communications made in good faith.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Subcommittee to refine this legislation as it moves forward to the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

With Sincerest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Greenwood'.

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